

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 112

18 September 1951

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. The Chairman reported that the revised STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS would probably be published about the end of October and distributed shortly thereafter. The Instructions will be in the regular NIS format and will have section separators to facilitate ready reference.

3. In compliance with a request made at the last meeting, the members submitted comments and changes to the list of contributors' statements to appear in the published NIS. A new list reflecting these changes will be prepared for the next meeting for committee approval.

4. In respect to the release of certain NIS to the international staff of SHAPE, the Army member stated that G-2 was preparing a memorandum to the NIS Committee which would provide a continuing procedure for determining the releasability of future NIS sections concerned with this requirement (refer to paragraph 6, NIS Committee Meeting No. 111).

The Chairman agreed to issue the necessary instructions upon receipt of this memorandum, and to prepare a list of NIS sections on which statements of releasability would be required. He further indicated that these statements should reflect the departmental opinion rather than the individual contributor's opinion.

5. The State member said he had investigated the feasibility of OIR producing the contributions to Sections 64 on Denmark and Spain which would normally be prepared by Army and Navy, and found that OIR did not have qualified personnel for this purpose. The Army and Navy members were therefore asked to do what they could to produce these contributions with a minimum of delay so as not to hold up these Sections 64 longer than necessary.

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25X1A12 6. The Committee received reports from the various members respecting progress on the NIS-Japan. CIA will furnish State with the necessary funds to produce the initial drafts on Chapters IV, V, and VI. This project is to be completed by the end of this fiscal year. Work is already underway on the hydrographic survey of coastal areas, which is being done as a joint Army-Navy project, Navy has made available an additional \$100,000 for equipment and supplies for the Marine Beach Survey Team which is being used in this work. Army is working out the final details regarding additional geographers and cartographers for Chapter II production.

7. The Army member said that production on Subsections 72D and 72E (an Army responsibility) had been delayed because the contributor had not been informed of the deadline date. While G-2 had been notified of the scheduled deadlines, the contributing office had not been informed. It would therefore be helpful if the Section Coordinator (OSI) follow the normal procedure of notifying the individual contributors directly concerning production deadlines.

8. The Army member called attention to several minor errors appearing in the monthly reports for July and August 1951 respecting production requirements. He also requested that the detailed monthly qualitative report be incorporated into the monthly report rather than being issued separately.

9. The Chairman requested the Service members to explore informally with their agencies ways and means of ensuring more consistent fiscal and personnel levels of support for NIS work within the Armed Force Agencies. Since the NIS requires a balanced production effort by a number of agencies, it would appear that a centralized fiscal support by CIA with related T/O's which would not be subject to various departmental reductions, would provide stability of staffs which does not presently exist. For example, the recent 5 per cent personnel cut in the Department of Defense will reduce the NIS staffs even though their production requirements remain unchanged. The resulting reduction in production by the Armed Force Agencies in time will affect States' production, which relies on contributions from the Army, Navy and Air Force. However, State receives fiscal support from CIA and is able to maintain steady production capabilities. This unevenness of capabilities among the various contributing agencies is a disrupting factor which constantly unbalances production and militates against a systematic development of the NIS Program as a whole.

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10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 25 September 1951.

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